

Cold Blooded

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Conservation and Preservation through Education

Happy New Year! We look forward to another year of comarderie as we share our love of herpetology!

The board is busy planning a host of exciting meetings and field trips. Let's get started!

Jan 7th Monthly Meeting 2-4 at MOSH in Jacksonville Speaker Chase Pirtle from Ashton Biological Preserve. Jan 13th Show Me Reptile Expo at St. Johns Event Center in Jacksonville promoting education. Feb 3rd Member Field Trip Saturday to Orianne Center for Indigo Conservation in Eustis, FL (details soon)

JHS had a beautiful Holiday Party at MOSH in December.



Keep up with issues facing reptile keeping in our state. Follow and consider joining USARKFL. https://usarkfl.wildapricot.org/



JHS Year in review!

JHS donated to two amazing organizations this year. We raised over \$1000 for Ashton Biological Preserve for their Gopher Games Documentary. In addition, we raised \$200 for The Rattlesnake Conservancy to help with their education efforts. Members volunteered at fundraising events such as the Raptor Run, Croctoberfest, and Get Buzzed for Buzztails, as well as provided educational outreach at MOSH, Show Me Reptile Expo, and Repticon.

We had some fun field trips to places like The St. Augustine Alligator Farm and Ashton Biological Preserve.

Adoptions/Re-Homes

We have been contacted by several members of the public that are re-homing reptiles. If you are looking to adopt a bearded dragon, turtle, tortoise, or ball python, send us an email at <u>jaxherpsociety@gmail.com</u> and we will put you in touch with them.

Two more Ball Pythons were rescued from the St. Augustine neighborhood on Jan 1st. It's a miracle that they have made it despite recent temperatures. They will be under observation for a few weeks before being available for adoption. There are still two being held back to work on temperament, two under medical treatment, and one about to be released from quarantine and available to adopt. A GoFundMe has been set up to help raise money for their medical care and supplies. For updates or to contribute, go to

https://www.gofundme.com/f/ball-python-rescue-care

JHS wishes you a very happy and prosperous New Year!

JHS Board Members			
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